

REMARKS

This is in response to the Official Action of August 8, 2008. In the Official Action, claims 27-28, 30-35 and 37-43 are identified as allowed. In order to expedite examination and disposal of the case, and without conceding the merits of any of the outstanding rejections, Applicants request cancellation of all claims not yet identified as allowed.

Previously, Applicants canceled claims 1-22, 51 and 53. Applicants had withdrawn claims 23-26, 29 and 36. Applicants now request cancellation of those withdrawn claims, as well as rejected claims 44-50, 52 and 54, without prejudice or disclaimer.

The proffered amendment also corrects some typographical errors, as where the designation of substituents are changed to be more consistent with the designation of the corresponding formulae in the specification and claims (i.e., subscripts). Other matters of form are also addressed as where "preferred" embodiments are removed from certain claims and introduced as dependent claims. The dependency of some claims has also been corrected. Applicants submit that such amendments bring the claims more into alignment with formal requirements, and in so doing, bring greater clarity to the claims. Accordingly, entry of the amendment is requested as it places the application in condition for allowance by among other things, eliminating claims to subject matter not yet designated as allowable.

The added new claims would not add new matter. The subject matter of each of the new claims is taken from the language and specific embodiments of other pending claims from which the new claims depend.

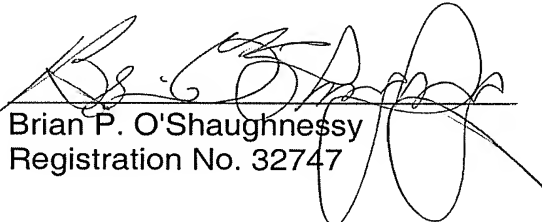
In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of all outstanding rejections. Applicants submit that the claims are now in condition for allowance, and respectfully request formal notification to that effect. If, however, the Examiner perceives any impediments to such a notice of allowability, whether substantive or formal, the Examiner is encouraged to call Applicants' attorney at the number provided below. Such informal communication will expedite examination and disposition of this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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